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A

Brief Description
OF THE
COLLEGIATE CHURCH
AND
CHOIR of St. MARY,
IN THE
Borough of WARWICK;

With a concise ACCOUNT of the
ANTIQUITIES and CURIOSITIES
Of the Same,
And of the Chapel thereto adjoining.
Together with
The TABLES of the several BENEFACTIONS
given to the said CHURCH and PARISH.
To which is added,
A particular DETAIL of the Grand SOLEMNITY
with which the Earl of *Leicester* celebrated the
French Order of St. Michael at Warwick, in
the Year MDLXXI.

By JOHN HANDS, Clerk of the Parish of St. MARY.

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to be disposed of for the Use of the Charity Children of
St. MARY's Parish, under the Inspection of the Vicar
and Church-Wardens.

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B R I E F D E S C R I P T I O N

O F T H E

Collegiate CHURCH, &c.

The T O W E R,



N which are Ten most musical Bells and Chimes, is at the west End of the Church, erected on Groin Arches supported by four Piers, between which is a free Passage for Coaches, &c. Its Height to the Top of the Battlements is 130 Feet. To the Top of the Pinnacle is 174 Feet. Its Diameter at the Base 32 Feet 6 Inches, at the Summit 27 Feet. The Length of the Church (including the Choir) is 186 Feet 1 Inch. The Breadth 66 Feet. The cross Isle is 106 Feet & a Half. The Height of the Roof 42 Feet and a Half. The Length of the Choir 77 Feet

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three Inches. The Breadth 27 Feet 4 Inches. Against the North, West and South Sides of the Tower are Three DIALS belonging to the CLOCK.

The following Inscription is on the North, West, and South Sides.

TEMPLUM B: MARIÆ COLLEGIA-
TUM, PRIMITUS A ROG: DE NOVO
BURGO COM: WAR: TEMP: STEPH:
R: INSTAURATUM POSTEA, A THO:
DE BELLO-CAMPO C: WAR: EX TOTO
REEDIFICATUM ANNO MCCCXCIIII.
CONFLAGRATIONE STUPENDA, NON
ARIS, NON FOCIS PARCENTE, DIRU-
TUM V^o SEP: MDCXCIHI. NOVUM
HOC, PIETATE PUBLICA INCHOA-
TUM, ET PROVECTUM; REGIA AB-
SOLUTUM EST: SUB LÆTIS ANNÆ
AUSPICIIS, ANNO MEMORABILI
MDCCIIII.

Thus TRANSLATED.

The Collegiate Church of St. MARY, first re-
paired by ROGER NEWBURG. Earl of War-
wick, in the Time of King STEPHEN; af-
terwards wholly rebuilt by THOMAS BEAU-
CHAMP Earl of Warwick in the Year 1394.
Being destroyed 1694 by a dreadful Fire,
sparing neither Temples nor Houses, this
new

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new Church, began and carried on by the Public, was finished by Royal Piety, under the joyful Auspices of ANNE, in the memorable Year 1704.

At the West End of this Church are three Entrances, the principal of which is under the Tower; against the said Wall in the Church are two Boxes to receive Alms, that towards the North for the Relief of the Poor when sick, the other towards the South for the use of the Charity School. In the Entrance of the Middle Isle is a capacious Marble Font, the Decorations gilt. Further on are erected elegant and spacious Galleries, two very large Branches of polish'd Brass; and near the upper End, on the South Side of an exceeding neat Pulpit, fixed to a Pillar, is a Time Piece; and to an opposite Pillar towards the North, are the Queen's Arms: At the Extremity of this Isle runs a Cross Isle North and South, in the Center of which is the Entrance of the Choir, by a Pair of Iron Gates of good Workmanship, over which is a stately Loft, and an excellent Organ, built by Thomas Swarebrick.

Between the Pulpit and the Entrance of the Choir, is a Vault, belonging to that truly worthy Family the WISE's, of the PRIORY, WARWICK, over which are laid two large flat Stones with the following Inscriptions.

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In The Vault underneath, Lieth the Body of
HENRY WISE, Esq; Late of the Pri-
ory, Who departed this Life December the
15th Anno Domini, 1738, Aged 85 Years.

Mrs.

PATIENCE WISE, Died December
the seventh, 1751.

In the 78th Year of her age.

Let me die the Death of the Righteous,
And let my last End be like Her's.

M A R Y,

Wife of W^M. GREENWOOD, D. D.

Died April 27, 1758,

Aged 60 Years.

J O H N W I S E,

Died Dec. 15th, 1754,

Aged 45 Years.

On the East Wall, North of the Chancel
Gate is a Marble Monument with a Latin In-
scription to the Memory of John Gibbons.

Immortalitatem beatam expectans

Hic jacet JOANNES GIBBONS

In agro STAFFORDIENSI ex Honeſta

Stirpe Oriundus,

Vir Probus, modestus, vere, et

ex Animo Christianus,

Qui rebus adverſis diu probatus, ſed

Non

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Non fractus, provec̃ta ætate
In amœnissimum hoc WERWICUM

Præsidium secessit;
Ubi, quod ævi supererat,
Deo soli dicavit, et salutem
animæ suæ, quam pie et
tranquille reddidit

Anno Ætat 76: Anno Dom: MDCXCIII.
septem Liberorum, quos ex ELIZABETHA
Dilectissima Uxore suscepit, Filia
ROLANDI FRITH de THORNES Generosi,
Viri integerrimi, et ob suam erga
Regem & Ecclesiam fidem insignis,
Unicus superstes W. G. M. D.
Parenti optime de se merito
Hoc Monumentum L: M: poni cûravit.

Thus Translated.

In Expectation of a blessed Immortality,
Here lieth JOHN GIBBONS,
Descended from a genteel Family
In the County of Stafford,
A Man of real Probity and Modesty, and,
From his Heart. a Christian:
Who being long proved. but not broken
In Adversity, did. in an advanced Age,
Retire to this most pleasant Town of Warwick,
Where the Remainder of his Age
He dedicated to GOD alone, and
The Salvation of his Soul,

Which

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Which he piously and calmly resign'd,
In the 76th Year of his Age, of our Lord 1693.

The only Survivor of seven Children which he begat of Elizabeth his beloved Wife (the Daughter of Roland Frith, of Thorns, Gent. a Man of great Integrity, and remarkable for his Fidelity to the King and to the Church) William Gibbons, Doctor of Physick, took Care to have this Monument erected to a Father who deserved his best Regards.

* * Near the above Monument is the Entrance into the Lobby, and against the East and West Wall, are five Tables of Benefactions, to this Church and Parish, and Trophies belonging to Earl Brook's Family.

A little farther to the North are two Portraits in Brass, on a Marble Monument, with this Inscription, to Thomas Oken, and Jone his Wife, in the old Letter and Spelling.

Of your Charyte give Thanks for the Soules of Thomas Oken and Jone his Wyff — on whose Soules Jesus hath Mercy, Jesus hath Mercy — Amen — Remember the Charyte for the Pore for ever, Anno Dom: MDLXXIII.

Under the Brass, upon a Marble Table, is inscribed as follows:

To the Memory of Mr. THOMAS OKEN
an Ornament to his own, and a blessing to Ages
suc-

succeeding) This Monument, defaced by the late dreadful Fire, is re-erected, and dedicated by his Feoffees, The MAYOR and ALDERMEN, of this BOROUGH. Whose Industry, being born here of mean Parents, was so blessed in the Trade he exercised of a Mercer, that 37th H. 8th, he was Master of the Guild of the Holy Trinity, and St. George, now the Hospital of the Right Honourable E. of Leicester, 5th. of P. and Mariæ, Bailiff of this Borough, and dying 15th of Eliz. gave to Pious and Charitable Uses Here, an Estate, then let for less than 20l. per Ann. now, by the just Care of his Feoffees, advanc'd, notwithstanding the loss of several Houses by the Fire, to more than 100l. per Ann. also 100l. to purchase Lands to enlarge the Commons, 30l. to the Poor, 10l. to 30 poor Maidens for Marriages. 94 Ounces of wrought Plate, for the Use of the Bailiffs successively. And to the Borough of Stratford and Banbury 40l. each, to be lent to honest Tradesmen. Vide Dugdale's War.

This Charity, Reader, was so wisely instituted, and the Trust so honestly executed, that, if to thy Faith Thou art dispos'd to join good Works, Thou needs seek no farther for a Model, or Encouragement, or Opportunity for ye have the Poor with you always.

B At

At the North End is a Marble Monument,
with this Inscription :

Juxta Situs est
FRANCISCUS CHERNOCKE, Gen:

Antiqua Baronettorum cognominum
in Com: BEDF. familia oriundus,

Vir probus et liberalis,

Qui a quibusdam Honoratiss: Baronibus
et Illustriss: Comitibus per quadraginta
fere annos Redituum Procurator
adhibitus, Munus illud Summa fidè
peritia et dignitate utrobique gessit
Ornavitque

Obiit quarto Aprilis A. D. 1727,

Ætatis Suæ Sexagesimo nono

In cujus, optimi Scil. Patris, memoriam
Exile hoc monumentum
Posuit Robertus filius.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Near this Place lieth

FRANCIS CHERNOCKE, Gent.

Descendant from an ancient Family,
Which had the Surname of Baronets,
In the County of Bedford.

A Man of Probity and Liberality,
Being employ'd as Steward

By some very honourable Barons
And illustrious Earls, for almost 40 Years,
He

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He adorn'd and executed that Office in
every Respect
With the greatest Fidelity, Dignity, and Skill,
He died on the 4th Day of April, A. D. 1727,
of his Age 69
To whose Memory, as the best of Fathers,
Robert, his Son, hath put up this small
Monument.

At the same End is another Marble Monument
with this Inscription:

S : D : G
THOMAS HEWITT
Peccator Miserrimus
Infra Sepultus,
Instabilitatis Humanæ,
Fragilitatis Vitæ
Certæque Mortis sibi Obrepentis Memor,
(Cujus Exuvias in Subjacente Sepulchro,
Cum' Deo Opt. Max. Visum fuerit.
Depositæ esse Volens)
Marmoream hanc Tabellam
Post Obitum hic Erigendam
Vivus parabat:
Qui felicem præstolans Resurrectionem
Per Sola Christi Salvatoris Merita,
Immortalem efflavit Animam
Ultimo Die Januarij
Anno Unici Mediatoris nostri
MDCCXXXVII.

Et Ætatis suæ

LXXIV.

Nescis qua Hora

Hodie itaque Resipisce

Ac æternum Salve.

T. H. Natus erat 19 Die Julij A. D. 1664.

Disce Mori

ut Vivas.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Glory be to God alone.

THOMAS HEWITT,

A most miserable Sinner,
buried underneath,Recalling to Mind the Instability and Frailty of
human Life,And the Certainty of Death creeping upon him
(Being desirous that his remains should be deposit-
ed in the subjacent Sepulchre. when it seems good

To God, the greatest and best of Beings)

Did, in his Life, prepare this Marble Table,

To be erected in this Place after his Death,

Who waiting for a happy Resurrection,

Thro' the sole Merits of Christ his Saviour,

Breath'd out his immortal Soul

On the last Day of January,

In the Year of our only Mediator 1737,

and of his Age 74.

You know not at what Hour,

Therefore repent To-day,

And be saved for ever.

T. H.

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T. H. was born the 19th Day of July, 1664.

Learn to die,
That you may live.

At the same End is also another Marble Monument with this Inscription:

Hunc prope Locum, in Sepulchro Camerata
Jacet

Gulielmus Johnston, M. D. Coll. Reg. LOND.
MED. Socius Senior.

Vir probus, Justus, Honestus, verus Charitatis
Cultor.

Amator Gratitude, Constantis Memoriae.
Quæ plura cupis, benigna Loquatur Fama.
Obiit 22 Die Novembris, Anno Dom. 1725.
Ætat. Suæ 82.

In eodem Sepulchro, conditur ANNA uxor ejus,
quæ Censum Trium Millium, Centumq; plus,
minus, Librarum, Quem Moriens reliquit
Univerfum (Debitis suis & legatis prius Subductis)
in opportunum Egenorum Subsidium Testamento
suo, erogatum voluit;

quo, Fundos suos omnes elocatos, una cum Bonis,
quæcunq; ei suppetebant, personalibus, primo
quoque Tempore vendendos, et Pecunia inde
accrescenti, Fundos Liberos, in Comitatu Sitos

WARWICENSI, emendos mandavit,
Quorum, uti & omnium, quas apud WARWICENSES
habuit, Domorum Reditus annuos Pauperibus
Hujus Burgia, Fidei Commissariis Singulis Annis
distribuendos in perpetuum Legavit.

Obiit Quarto Die Aprilis, Anno Dni. 1733.

Ætat. suæ 84.

Thus

Thus TRANSLATED.

Near this Place in a Vault
Lieth

William Johnson, Doctor of Physick, Senior Fellow
of the Royal College of Physicians in London.
A Man of Probity, Justice, Honesty, who cultivated
In himself real Principles of Charity.

A Lover of Gratitude:

Do you desire to know more of him,
Let propitious Fame, of never-failing Memory,
Speak the rest.

He died on the 22d Day of Nov. 1725.

In the same Vault is laid Ann his Wife,
Who by her last Will commanded her whole Estate,
Of about 3000l. and 100l. which she left at
her Death,
(Her Debts and Legacies being first discharg'd)
To be laid out for the seasonable Relief of
poor People.

By her Will she likewise ordered
That all her Lands which were situated at a Distance
Together with the Personal Estates she then
possess'd.

To be sold, the first Opportunity, and with the
Money thence arising,

Other Freehold Lands to be bought, situated
in the County of Warwick.

The Revenue of which as also of all the Houses she
Pos-

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Possess'd in Warwick, she bequeath'd to Trustees
to be laid out every Year, for the Poor of this
Borough for ever.

She died the 4th Day of April, in the Year of
our Lord 1733, of her Age 84.

On the West Wall of the cross Isle is a Marble
Monument with this Inscription:

Near this Place are interr'd
The Bodies of George and Mary Webb,
Late of this Town,
He was a good Christian,
A tender Husband,
A sincere Friend,
And a kind Benefactor to the Poor.
She a Woman
of exemplary Piety and Charity,
Endued with all the Graces that
Adorn the Christian Life.

He died the 9th of July A. D. 1732, Aged 79 Years.
She died 17th of June A. D. 1743, Aged 70 Years.

Against the North Isle is a Marble Monument
with this Inscription:

Juxta jacent
Steriles jam & elanguidi
Sacra Quercus
Radix, Surculus, Ramusculi.

viz.

FRANCISCUS HOLYOKE als de
Sacra Quercu Radix THO-

THOMAS, FRANCISCI Surculus unicus :
 Ambo Superioris Notæ Lexicographi
 JUDITHA FRANCISCI ANNA THOMÆ
 Uxor

Quorum THOMÆ ANNÆ que Ramusculi
 Numero duodecim in Vita haud penitus Obscuri,

Quorum Unus,
 Scholæ apud Rugby Com. VARVICI
 per XLIII annos Moderator
 Hanc Tabulam Annalium loco,
 Erexit.

Qui & Ipse contabuit x^o die Martij
 Anno { Dom : MDCCXXX.
 { Ætat : LXXII.

Thus TRANSLATED :

Not far from hence lie,
 Now indeed steril and languid,
 The Root, Shoot, and Branches
 of the Holy Oake,
 Viz.

FRANCIS HOLYOKE, or the Root of the
 Holy Oake,

THOMAS the only Shoot of FRANCIS,
 Both of them Lexicographers of Superior
 Character.

JUDITH the Wife of FRANCIS, ANNE the
 Wife of THOMAS,

The Branches of which THOMAS and ANNE,
 twelve in Number,

Were

Were not entirely of no Account in the World,
One of which,

The Master of the School at Rugby,
In the County of WARWICK, during 43 Years,
Erected this Table to supply the Place of Annals;
Who also himself withered away on the 10th
Day of March,

In the Year { of our Lord 1730.
 { of his Age 72.

In the Lobby is a Marble Monument with a modest but very elegant Latin Inscription:

Si quæras Viator! quis hic Jacet?
Paucis habe.

Fui Franciscus Parker,
Londini Natus, Eductus Cantabrigiæ
Ubi obtinui, nescio an merui,
Artium Magistri gradum:
Inservij

Dominis, Francisco Roberto, Fulconi Brooke
Astudijs, ab Epistolis, a Rationibus:

Annos præterpropter quadraginta quinque;

Quam integre quam assidue;
Superstites, qui norunt, dicant,
Deceffi Londini

In Ædibus, quibus plerumq; degeram,
Brookianis

10 Die Novembris,

Anno { Dom. 1693.
 { Ætat. 67.

C

Cum

Cum Dominis meis iuxta abdormiscenibus
 Refurgens Lætus audiam
 Euge bone et fidelis Serve.

Thus TRANSLATED:

If you ask, Traveller, Who lies here? Take the
 Account in few Words:

I was Francis Parker,
 Born at London, educated at Cambridge,
 Where I obtain'd (I know not whether I
 deserv'd it)

The Degree of Master of Arts.

I served

The Lords Francis, Robert, Fulk Brook,
 In the Character of Tutor, Secretary, and
 Steward,

For almost forty-five Years,
 With what Integrity and Affiduity,
 Let the Survivors, who know it, declare:

I deceas'd at London,
 In the House belonging to the Brooks,
 where I generally liv'd,

On the 10th Day of November,

In the Year { of our Lord 1693.
 { of my Age 67.

When I rise again with my Lords, who are sleep-
 ing near me, may I hear the joyful Eulogy,
**WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITH-
 FUL SERVANT!**

On

On the South Side of the Choir Gates is a Marble Monument with this Inscription:

In Obitu JOHANNIS NORTON, Generosi,
Hujus municipij nuper Senescalli, et deput: Recordatoris;
Qui Obijt, Sep. 14, 1635,

Sed non totus Obijt, melior pars Æthere Vivit,

Dum Terra meritis debita Fama Viget.

Frater amans, Conjux fidus Virtutis et Æqui

Cultor erat; Nequeunt hæc monumenta Mori.

Ad Latus JOHANNIS Jacet Uxor ISRAEL THO:
WOODWARD Filia.

Aliquando de Butl. Marston in Agro Warw. Generosi;

Quæ ob eximiam pietatem memorabilis,

E vita decessit, Nov. 29, 1615.

Iuxta Sepulta est ANNA NORTON, HENRICI PORTER
Filia,

Nuper de Edgberston in Com. Warw. Generosi,

Vidua THOMÆ NORTON, prædicti JOH: et ISRA Filij
Unici,

(Apud Knote in Eodem Com: humati)

Hæc annis et pietate matura, vitam deposuit,

Maj 14: 1698.

Epitaphium, in memoriam JOH: NORTON, Incendio
dirutu,

A: D: 1694. de novo posuerunt cum infra Scriptis.

Nepotes JOHN: et EDW. NORTON, A. D. 1709.

Thus TRANSLATED:

On the Death of JOHN NORTON, Gent.
Of this Borough Steward and Deputy Recorder,
who died Sep. 14. 1635.

But he's not wholly dead,---his better Part

In Heaven lives---while Fame, due to his Deeds,

Still flourishes on Earth;---a Brother kind,
A Husband faithful, in whose Breast were sown
Strong Principles of Virtue, and of Right.

These immaterial Monuments defy
Death's mortal Sting---and Time's corroding Tooth.

At the Side of JOHN lieth his Wife ISRAEL, Daughter of THOMAS WOODWARD, sometime of Butler's Marston, in the County of Warwick, Gentleman.----who, memorable for her excellent Piety, departed from this Life Nov. 29th, 1615.

Near this Place is buried ANNE NORTON, Daughter of HENRY PORTER, lately of Edgberston, in the County of Warwick, Gentleman, Widow of THOMAS NORTON, only Son of the before-mentioned JOHN and ISRAEL (who was buried at Knowle in the same County)

She being mature in Piety and Age laid down
this Life May 14th, 1698.

The Epitaph on the Memory of JOHN NORTON, being destroyed by Fire 1694, was put up afresh, with the underwritten Lines, by his Grand-Children, JOHN and EDWARD NORTON. A. D. 1709.

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Farther on is a Marble Monument with the Effigies
in Brass of Thomas Beauchamp and his Wife,
with this Inscription.

D. O. M, et Æternæ Memoræ
Sacrum.

Qui Templum hoc frustra in Mausolæum, ipsasque
Aras in Refugium habuit,

E Somno, quo Trecentos amplius annos jacuit Sepultus,
Quemque non nisi Communi Rerum Rogo perturbatum iri pu-
tarat, experrectus,

Assurgit ecce, et adstat
vir ille inclytus pietate et bellica Virtute æque insignis,
Regum nunc Amor, nunc Invidia, Regno semper
dilectus;

Fortunæ aliquandiu lusus, tandem Victor, blandienti Par,
Novercante Major;

Heroum, Nominis Semper Galliæ terribilis tantum non ultimus

THOMAS de BELLOCAMPO Comes VARVICI,
Insularum GUERNSEY, SERKE, et AURENEY Præfectus,
Ordinis Periscelidis Eques,

EDUARDO III. Principi Fælici, invicto, ob res egregias
ANGLIA et GALLIA gestas in paucis charus:

RICHARDO II. Minorenni per Conventum Regni
Ordinum Curator Admotus:

Eodem Rege Sui aut Suorum potius juris facto majestatis
damnatus, in MANNIAM deportatus,

Ab HENRICO IV. ad Censum et Honores postliminio,
revocatus;

Qui, cum Satis Patriæ, sibi, et Gloriæ, lux vixisset,
Una cum MARGARETA Uxore sua hic loci contumulatus,
ANNO DOM. MCCCCI.

Ne in Cineribus Ædis hujus Collegiæ, quam ipse ex-
truxerat, periret et Monumentum,
sepulchrale fundatoris, Imagines hasce sacrilegis ereptas
Flammis, erigi curavit Unus

e FIDEICOMMISSARIJS ad URBEM et ÆDEM hanc SACRAM
redificandas Senatus Decreto constitutis,

et Memoræ tanti Nominis Ære et Marmore perennioris
Hoc quali quali Elogio Parentat.

ANNQ DOM. MDCCVI,

Thus

Thus TRANSLATED:

Sacred

To the best and greatest God, and to Eternal Memory.

Having had this Temple in vain for his Mausoleum, and it's Altars for his refuge, but awakend from that Sleep in which he had lain buried more than Three Hundred Years, and which he thought would not be disturbed, but by the general Conflagration: Lo! there now ariseth and standeth before you.

That famous Man equally renowned for his Piety and Valour: One while the Love, another while the Envy of Kings; always beloved by the Kingdom: Sometime the Sport of Fortune, at Length her Conqueror: Equal to her Smiles; Greater than her Frowns: Almost the last of a Name always terrible to France:

Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Governor of the Isles of Guernsey, Serke & Aurenay; Knight of the Order of the Garter; Of some Esteem with the fortunate invincible Prince Edward III^d. on Account of his famous Exploits performed in England and France; promoted by a Convention of the Orders of the Realm to be Governor to Richard the II^d. during his Minority. Condemn'd for High Treason when the same King was made Master of himself, or rather his Subjects. Bannish'd

nished to the Isle of Man; recalled from Banishment by Henry the IVth. to his Estate and Honours; who when he had lived long enough for his Country, himself, and his Reputation, was, together with his Wife Margaret, buried in this Place.

In the Year of our Lord 1401.

That the Sepulchral Monument of the Founder might not perish in the Ashes of this Collegiate Church, which he himself had built, These Images snatched from the sacrilegious Flames, were erected by the Care of one of the Commissioners, appointed by Act of Parliament, for the rebuilding the Town and this sacred Church, and who offers this Eulogium, such as it is, as a Kind of Funeral Obsequy to the Memory of so great a Name, a Name more durable than Brass or Marble.

Anno Dom. 1706.

Next to which is that August Frontispiece in the Gothic Taste, designed, built, carved and finished in Warwick Sand-Stone, in the Year 1704, by a Poor Mason of Warwick, the Entrance to the Lady's Chapel.

At the South End of the Cross Isle, is a Marble Monument with this Inscription:

In a Vault near this Place lieth the Body of HENRY BEAUFOY, Esq; of EDMONDSCOT, in the County of WARWICK; — descended of an ancient and noble Family of NORMANDY, who came into ENGLAND at the Conquest; — He married MARY the Daughter of Sir WALTER WALKER, Bart. who left three Sons, HEN. HERCULES and WALTER, who lie buried with him in this Vault, and four Daughters, MARY, LUCY, MARTHA, and ELIZABETH.

He had in this Place a large Tomb erected by his Widow for him, that was destroyed by the Fire of WARWICK; for which Reason MARTHA his last surviving Daughter at her Decease did at her own Charge, and Desire, cause this Monument and Inscription to be erected, as a small Remembrance of her much honoured Father: — She married Sir SAM: GARTH, Knight, Dr. of Physick, and left one only Daughter and Heiress, BEAUFOY, who married WM. BOYLE, Esq; Son to the Hon. HENRY BOYLE, and the Right Hon. Lady MARY his Wife — Son and Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of ORRERY and INCHIQUEIN of the Kingdom of IRELAND.

(without Date.)

Against

Against the Wall of the South Isle is a Marble Monument, with this Inscription:

QUI HIC DORMIT
WILHELMUS VINER,

Fuit olim Illustrissimo Domino, Fulconi, Domino Brook, per annos fere quadraginta oeconomus, quemque munere suo, summa fide, solertiaque defunctum, eo in pretio habuit honoratissimus Baro, ut hinc petens beatas sedes eum illis accensuerit quibus curam Testamenti sui delegavit. Vir plane antiquis moribus, et cui parem, effusa præsertim dextra, vix inveneris: Scholas quas admodum horidas, et ruinæ propiores, alteram Norlethæ, in agro Glocestriensi, in hac urbe alteram, Sumtu non exiguo redintegravit et oppido elegantes reddidit. Quin et hanc Warwicensem perenni Sex librarum reditu (ut et hospitium quod est Lemintoniæ sesquilibrali) auxit, Magna hæc in censu non magno: quippe centum annuas non superante, et quatuor filiis futuro patrimonio, coelitibus, mature sibi præmature suis, Septuagenarius, accessit Aprilis xxviii Anno Domini 1639.

Thus TRANSLATED.

He who sleeps here was WILLIAM VINER,
Steward to the most Illustrious Lord, Fulke
Lord Brook, during the Space of almost forty
D Years:

Years: And who having discharged his Office with the greatest Fidelity and Skill, was held in such Esteem by the very Honourable Baron, that when he endeavoured to secure a happy Seat in Heaven, on his Removal hence, he added him to those to whom he committed the Care of his last Testament. — A Man entirely of Ancient Manners, and to whom you will scarcely find an equal, particularly in point of Liberality. Two Schools in a very wretched Condition, and almost ruined, the one at Norlegh, in the County of Gloucester, the other in this Town, he with no small Expence repaired, and rendered very elegant. Besides the Revenue of this School in Warwick he improved with the perpetual Addition of six Pounds per Annum: As also the Revenue of the Hospital of Lemington with thirty Shillings per Annum. These considerable Things he did with no considerable Estate, it not exceeding one Hundred Pounds yearly, including a Parri-
mony to be left to four Children. — He was added to the Number of the Heavenly Inhabitants, maturely for himself, but prematurely for his Friends, in the 70th Year, on the 28th of April, Anno Dom. 1639.

The CHOIR.

THIS Structure, and the adjoining Chapel, do equally demonstrate, how closely, in the Pursuit of Nature's best Directions, our Ancestors designed and built;---a nobly awful, and elegantly pleasing Taste, harmoniously blended, is there expressed in Stone; and sympathetically affects each sensible Surveyor with adequate Ideas to the Place; where no redundant Sameness or Diversity fatiates, or even palls the most enliven'd Fancy; nor is there one Beauty wanting, either to feed or nourish the most exalted Judgment.

Entering the Choir by three Stone Steps, on either Side there are two Ranges of Stalls, &c. in four Directions; on the most wonderful and delightful Stone Ceiling, are carved and enriched the Founder's Arms, also the Arms of his two Wives quarter'd with his, embosom'd by Seraphims: There are four Floors, each ascending one Step above another to the Altar, which, though Modern, and not quite appropriate to the Antiquity of the Building, is esteemed an excellent Piece of Joinery. The East Window is replete with painting upon Glass, of Sacred History, &c.

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On the South Side, fixed to a Slab of Marble, is a Brass Plate, with an Epitaph upon the Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Chowne, who died the last Day of August, 1597.

Here lies Elizabeth, twice happie Wife;
Of two good virtuous Men, blest from above;
With both and without both, a godly Life
Till seventie-five she liv'd in perfect Love.
Resting a Widdow eyght and twentie Yeares
Joyeng to see hir dearest Issue wed
Before hir God in Glory she appeares
Hir Corps feed Woormes, hir Sowle by Christ is fed.
Anno Ætatis suæ 75.

Upon a flat Stone, this Inscription,

Here lieth the Body of Stephen Bolton, Esq;
Lord of the Manor of Warwick, who departed
this Life, the 17th Day of January, in the Year
of our Lord 1672.

Nearer the Altar is a high polished Marble
Monument with this Inscription:

Beatam placide expectans Resurrectionem,
Sub isto Tumulo requiescit THOMAS PUCK-
ERING, Miles et Baronettus, Filius Johannis
Puckering, Domini Custodis magni Sigilli An-
glia, Natu minnimus: Hæres tamen duobus
prioribus

prioribus in Infantia a Morte absorptis, qui tametsi a pueritia, in Aula regia per Septennium innutritus, in eoq; Honoris atq; Favoris Gradu, ut solus Henrico Principi. Jacobi Regis Filio primogenito, Studiorum Particeps admisus esset: pervagatus postea majorem Cultioremque Christiani orbis per quatuor fere Annos Partem, reversus tamen in Patriam, Vitam Aulicam post Mortem incomparabilis illius Principis Heri sui clementissimi atq; amantissimi (quem Deus omnipotens pro summa in ipsum Misericordia et justa in Populum ingratum Indignatione sibi in Cœlum assumpserat) reamplecti noluit, quin Pertæsus utriusque Vitæ tam aulicæ quam urbanæ illecebras, rusticam [Utpote Deo inserviando sibi vacando maxime idoneam deinceps degere elegit: in qua constanter perseverans, singulis Muneribus functus quæ sive regio Favore, sive populari Benevolentia, in equestri Dignitatis Viros Benemeritos ruri agentes conferri solent, Cursum feliciter peregit, Annum agens ætatis suæ quadragesimum quintum.

Uxorem Habuit unam Elizabetham, nempe Filiam unicam Johannis Morley Equitis aurati, ex Provincia Suffexiana: Filias ex ea suscepit tres, quarum maxima Natu Francisca Infans occubuit, secunda Cecilia merito Patri ter charissima, senex [quod vix credi poterit] singulari Pietate,

Pietate, ætate juvenis, decimo tertio anno ætatis suæ mundo valedixit, tertia vltima Jana 7m. agens Annum jam Superstes sola mox est moritura.

Thus TRANSLATED :

In the calm Expectation of a happy Resurrection,

Under this Tomb resteth THOMAS PUCKERING, Knight & Baronet. Youngest Son of JOHN PUCKERING, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, yet Heir to his two elder Brothers, snatched away in their Infancy by Death, who notwithstanding his Education in the Royal Palace for the Space of seven Years, and his having attained so high a Degree of Honour as to be the only Person admitted fellow Student to Prince Henry, eldest Son to King James, and notwithstanding his having travelled through the greater and more polite Parts of the Christian World for almost four Years, yet upon his Return to his Country, would not again reimbrace the Life of a Courtier, after the Death of that incomparable Prince his most gracious & affectionate Master (whom God Almighty, through his great Mercy to him, and just Indignation to an ungrateful People, had taken to himself to Heaven) but being weary of the alluring Charms which attend a Court
and

and a City Life, he afterwards chose to live in the Country, as a Method of Life most proper for the serving of God, and giving him an Opportunity to be at Leisure for himself; in which constantly persevering, after having discharged those particular Offices, which either by Royal Favour, or the Good-will of the People, are usually conferred on deserving Persons, who enjoy the Honour of Knighthood, and spend their Time in the Country, he happily finished this Course in the forty-fifth Year of his Age.

He had one Wife, Elizabeth the only Daughter of John Morley, Knight of the County of Suffex, by whom he had three Daughters; the eldest of which, Frances, died an Infant. The Second, Cecilia, being deservedly very dear to her Father, and which is scarce credible, old in singular Piety, though young in Years, bid farewell to the World in the 13th Year of her Age. The third and last Daughter, Jane, aged seven Years, now survives, who also herself soon must die.

Upon three Plates of Brass, fixed to a flat Stone are these Inscriptions:

Sacred to the Memory of Cisseley Puckering, second Daughter of Thomas Puckering, Knight and Baronet, who being betrothed to Christ, died 9th of April, in the Year of our Lord 1636, of her Age 13.

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Anagram.

Mistress Cisseley Puckering
I sleep secure; Christ's my King,
Death's Terrors nought affright me nor his Sting;
I sleep secure for Christ's my Sovereigne King.

Epitaph.

Birth, Breeding, Beauty, Grace & carriage sweet,
In thee deare Saint did altogether meet;
The Sunne nere saw a comelier Face than thine,
Nor Heaven receiv'd a Spirit more divine.
Thrice happy Parents such a Child to breed,
Begott agayne by God's Immortall Seed.
Cease forrowing then fith Saints and Angels sing,
To see her match'd to an Eternall King.

On the North Side, upon a flat Stone, this
Inscription:

Here lieth the Body of William Colemore
Esq; who departed this Life, the 9th of February,
Anno Domini 1674.

Beati sunt qui moriuntur in Domino.

Near

Near the same, on a flat Stone, the following
Inscription:

Here lieth the Body
of Robert Chernock,
Gent. third Son of Sir
Robert Chernock, of
Holcut, in the Coun-
ty of Bedford, Knight.
who departed this Life
the 27th of January,
Anno 1686.

Here lieth the Body
of Margret Brook,
Wife to Robert Cher-
nock. Gent. and sole
Daughter of Charles
Worthington, of Wor-
thington, in Lancashire
Gent. who died Aug.
the 1st. Anno 1705.

In the Midst of the Choir lieth, beneath a massy
Tomb of Composition of Plaister with a
Marble Cornish, (now without Inscription)

Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, and
Lady Katherine Mortimer his Wife. He died
13th November, in the forty third Year of
King Edward the Third, Anno Dom. 1370.
She died the 4th Day of August, the same Year.

On the two Sides, also on the Ends of the
Tomb, are 36 Images of Weepers, standing
upon as many Coats of Arms.

The same Earl founded the Choir, and dying
also in the aforesaid Year, his Son, Thomas
Earl of Warwick, finished that Building, as it
now stands, in the 15th Year of Richard the

Second, Anno Dom. 1392. He also, from the Death of his Father, rebuilt the Church as it stood before the Fire of Warwick, and finished it in the 17th of Richard the Second, Anno Dom. 1394. Likewise in the same Year finished Guy's Tower (as it is vulgarly called) belonging to the Castle.

Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Son of the next above Thomas, was Founder by Will, of the noble Chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary, which was begun the 21st of Henry the Sixth, Anno Dom. 1443, & finished the third of Edward the Fourth 1464, the Cost of which, including the Magnificent Tomb, &c. amounted to the Sum of 2481 l. 4s. 7d. [as per Dugdale] When Wheat was 3s. 4d. per Quarter, the Proportionate Value of Money, when Corn is at the modern Medium of 5s. per Bushel, which is twelve Times the Sum, amounts to 29774 l. 15s. od.

Underneath the whole Floor of the Choir, is a Vault, commonly called the Bone House, chiefly used as a Burial Place for the Mayors, and Body corporate of this Borough.

North of the Choir are three distinct Rooms, or Buildings, very substantial; The First, from the Body of the Church, is the Lobby (now the Fire Engine Room) in which is a Marble Monument, as before mentioned.

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The furthestmost Room, is a spacious Library, or Vestry Room, under which was the Friars Kitchen, now a Mausoleum for the Noble Family of the Earl of Warwick.

The Middle is an Octagon Room, called the Chapter House; which was converted to another Use, by the Right Hon. Fulke Lord Brook, who, in his Life Time, erected a very stately Monument for himself and Family, of black and white Marble. The Epitaph, or Inscription round his Tomb, thus:

Fulke Grevil, Servant to Queen Elizabeth, Councillor to King James, and Friend to Sir Philip Sydney.



T H E
L A D Y ' s
C H A P E L .

E N T E R I N G into which, you descend by a Flight of Twelve Stone Steps, on each Side are Stalls, &c. as in the Choir of the Church. The Floors being three in Number, of black and white Marble, are at unequal Distances, ascending by one Step each, towards the Altar, which is a fine Bas Relievo of the Salutation, under a Gothic Canopy, the whole exceedingly well executed. Raised against the Wall, on each Side the Altar, is a Shrine of very delicate Workmanship, particularly as their Matter is only the common Sand Stone of the Town, thus uncommonly modified, in which Shrines, (according to Dugdale) were formerly repositied two Images of pure Gold, 20lb. Weight each: There are several more Shrines, and other Cabinet Curiosities, interspersed in this Building. In the Verge, and in the two Muntles,

Muntles, or Divisions, of the East Window, are forty six Images of Angels and Saints, very curiously wrought, in Warwick Sand Stone; also in the same, and Middle South Window, are sacred, historical, and family Portraits in Glass. Behind the Altar is the Library, built by the famous John Rous. To the North stands the Confessional and Gallery, of exquisite Design; beyond which, rising by five Steps very much worn, is the Confession Seat, very obscure, yet very curious; where through the Partition Wall, is an oblique square Hole to the Choir, through which Confession was made,

In the Middle of the Chapel lieth upon a Tomb of Marble, in full Stature, the Effigy of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, in Armour all made of fine Latten Brasse, doubly gilt. At his Head there is a Swan, at his right Foot a Bear muzzled, at his left Foot a Griffin; over the said Monument is a Hearse of Brasse, gilt, made designedly to support a Covering over the curious Repository of the Remains of this once great Earl, Round about his Tomb stand fourteen Images of Brasse, all gilt, under the Feet of each of them is a Coat of Arms; These

These Images are resembling fourteen Lords & Ladies call'd Weepers.

At the Head of the Tomb,

Henry Beauchamp. Duke of Warwick. and Lady Cecil his Wife. Daughter to Richard Nevil, Earl of Salisbury.

On the South Side,

The First, Richard Nevil, Earl of Salisbury; the Second, Edward Beaufort, Duke of Somerset; the Third, Humphry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham; the Fourth, John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; the Fifth, Richard Nevil, Earl of Warwick.

At the Foot of the Tomb,

George Nevil Lord Latimer. and Elizabeth his Wife, Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.

On the North Side,

The First, Alice, Daughter and Heiress to Thomas Montague, Earl of Salisbury, Wife to Richard Nevil, Earl of Salisbury; the Second, Eleanor, Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, and Wife to Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset; the third, Anne, Daughter

Daughter to Ralph Nevil. Earl of Westmorland, Wife to Humphry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham; the fourth. Margaret, eldest Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Wife to John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury; the fifth, Anne Daughter to Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, Wife to Richard, Earl of Salisbury. Besides these there stands round about his Tomb, eighteen lesser Images made of Brasse, and gilt, resembling Angels, with this Label——GLORY AND PRAISE TO GOD. Mercy to the Dead.

The Inscription about his Tomb, engrav'd in Brasse. in the uncouth Diction and Spelling, is as follows:

Preieth devoutly for the Sowel whom God
affoille of one of the moost worshipful Knightes;
in his Dayes of Monhode and Conning, Rich-
ard Beauchamp, late Earl of Warrewik, Lord De-
spenser of Bergevenny, of many other grete
Lordships; whose Body resteth here under this
tumble in a ful feire vout of Stone set on the bare
rooch. the which visited with longe siknes in
the Castel of Roan therinne decessed ful crist-
enly the last day of April the yer of our Lord
God MCCCCXXXIX. He being at that time
lieutenant genal and goverin of the Roialmes
of Fraunce, and of the Duchie of Normandie

by

by sufficient Autorite of oure Sovaigne lord the King Harry the fixth, the which body with grete deliberacon and ful worshipful Conduit by See and by lond was brought to Warrewik the iiii day of October the yer abovefeide and was leide with ful solemne exequies in a feir Chest made of Stone in this Church, afore the west dore of this Chapel according to his last Wille and Testament therein to reste, til this Chapel by him devised in his lief were made, Al the whuche Chapel founded on the rooch and alle the membres thereof, his Executours dede fully make and apparaille, by the autorite of his seide last wille and testament, and therafter by the same autorite then dide translate ful worshipfully the seide body into the vout abouesaide; honired be God therefore.

On the North Side of the Chapel lie the much-admir'd Marble Statues of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leiceſter, and Lady Lettice his Wife, Countess of Leiceſter, upon a Magnificent Tomb of Marble, incloſed with Iron Rails, with this Inſcription;

DEO VIVENTIUM S

Spe certa reſurgendi in Chriſto, hic ſitus eſt
illuſtriſſimus Robertus Dudleyus, Johannis,
Ducis Northumbriæ Comitſ Warwici, Vicecomiſ

mitis Insulæ, &c. filius quintus; Comes Lecce-
 triæ; Baro Denbighie, ordinis tum S. Georgii,
 tum S. Michaelis, Eques auratus; Reginae Eli-
 zabethæ [apud quem Singulâri gratia florebat]
 Hippocomus; Regiæ Aulæ subinde Seneschallus;
 ab intimis Consilijs: Forestarum, Parcorum,
 Chacearum, &c. citra Trentham summus
 Justiciarius: Exercitus Anglici a dictâ Regina
 Eliz: missi in Belgio, ab Anno MDLXXXV,
 ad Annum MDLXXXVII. Locum tenens et
 Capitaneus generalis: Provinciarum Confede-
 ratarum, ibidem Gubinator generalis et præfec-
 tus; Regniq[ue] Angliæ locum tenens contra
 Philipum II. Hispanum, numerosa Classe et Ex-
 exercitu Angliam MDLXXXVIII.

Invadentem.

Animam Deo servatori reddidit Anno salutis
 MDLXXXVIII. Die quarto Septembris. Opti-
 mo et charissimo marito, mœstissima uxor Le-
 ticia Francisci Knoiles ordinis S. Georgii equitis
 aurati et Regiæ Thesaurarij filia, amoris et
 conjugalis fidei ergo, posuit.

Thus TRANSLATED:

Sacred to the G O D of the Living.

In certain Hope of a Resurrection in Christ,
 here lieth the most illustrious Robert Dudley,
 fifth Son of John, Duke of Northumberland,
 Earl of Warwick, Viscount Lisle, &c. --- He
 was Earl of Leicester, Baron of Denbigh,

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Knight

Knight both of the Order of the Garter and St. Michael, Master of the Horse to Queen Elizabeth; (who distinguish'd him by particular Favour) soon after Steward of the Queen's Household, Privy Counsellor, Justice in Eyre of the Forests, Parks, Chaces, &c. on this Side Trent, from the Year 1585 to the Year 1587, Lieutenant and Captain General of the English Army sent by the said Queen Elizabeth to the Netherlands; Governor General and Commander of the Provinces united in that Place: Lieutenant Governor of England against Philip the Second of Spain, in the Year 1588, when he was preparing to invade England with a numerous Fleet and Army.----He gave up his Soul to God his Saviour, on the 4th Day of September, in the Year of Salvation 1588.

His most sorrowful Wife, Lætitia, Daughter of Francis Knolles, Knight of the Order of the Garter, and Treasurer to the Queen, thro' a Sense of conjugal Love and Fidelity hath put up this Monument to the best and dearest of Husbands.

Near the above Monument is wrote upon a gilt Table fixed against the Wall the subsequent Verses, upon the Death of the excellent and pious Lady, Lettice, Countess of Leicester, who died upon Christmas Day in the Morning, 1634:

Look in this Vault and search it well,
Much Treasure in it lately fell; Wee

Wee all are robb'd, and all do say
Our Wealth was carryed this away;
And that the Theft might ne'er be found,
'Tis buried closely under Ground;
Yet if you gently stirr the Mould,
There all our Loss you may behold;
There may you see that Face, that Hand
Which once was fairest in the Land:

She that in her younger Years
Match'd with two great English Peers,
She that did supply the Warrs
With Thunder, and the Court with Stairs;
She that in her Youth had been
Darling to the maiden Queen,
'Till She was content to quit
Her Favour for her Favourite,
Whose gold Thread when she saw spun,
And the Death of her brave Son,
Thought it safest to retire
From all Care and vain Desire
To a Private Country Cell,
Where she spent her days so well,
That to her the better Sort
Came as to an holy Court;
And the Poor that lived near
Death nor Famine could not fear:
Whilst she liv'd, she lived thus,
'Till that God displeas'd with Us,
Suffer'd Her at last to fall,

Not from Him, but from us All;
 And because she took Delight
 Christ's poor Members to invite,
 He fully now requites her Love,
 And sent his Angels from above,
 That did to Heaven her soul convey
 To Solemnize his own Birth-Day.

GERVAS CLIFTON.

The next Monument is of a very curious Marble, of Ambrose Duddeley's, Earl of Warwick, lying in full Stature in Armour, with this Inscription in English:

Heare under this Tombe lieth the Corps of the Lord Ambrose Duddeley, who, after the deceases of his elder Bretheren without Issue, was Sonne and Heir to John Duke of Northumberlande; to whom Quene Elizabeth in the First Yeare of her Reigne gave the Mannour of Kibworth-Beauchamp, in the County of Leicester, to be held by the Service of beinge Pantler to the Kings and Quenes of this Realme, at their Coronations, which Office and Mannour his said Father, and other his Ancesters, Erles of Warwick, helde; --- In the second Yeare of her Reigne, the said Quene gave him the Office of Mayster of the Ordinaunce;--In the fowrth Yeare of her sayd Reigne, She created Him Baron Lisle and Erle of Warwick; -- In the same Yeare she made
 Him

Him her Lieutenant Generall in Normandy, and during the Tyme of his Service there, He was chosen Knight of the noble Order of the Garter; --- In the Twelvth Yeare of her Reigne the said Erle and Edward Lord Clinton, Lord Admerall of England, where made Livetenantes Generall jointly, and severally, of her Majesty's Army in the North Parts. --- In the Thirteenth Yeare of her Reigne the said Quene bestow'd on him the Office of chief Butler of England; --- and in the XVth Yeare of her Reigne He was sworn of her privy Council: -- who departinge this Lief without Issue, the 21st Day of February 1589, at Bedford Howse near the City of LONDON, from whence, as Himself desir'd, his Corps was convey'd and interr'd in this Place: --- near his Brother Robert Erle of Leicester and others his noble Ancestors: which was accomplish'd by his last and well-beloved Wiese the Lady Anne Countess of Warwick, who in further Testimony of her faythful Love towards Him, bestow'd this Monument as a Remembrance of him,

On the North Side of the Tomb under their peculiar Coats of Arms, finely wrought in Marble, are the folowing Inscriptions;

1st. John Duddeley, Esq; second Sonne to John Lord Duddeley and Knight of the Garter,
ma-

married Elizabeth, Dowghter and Heir to John Bramshot, Esq; and had Issue Edmund Duddeley.

2d. Edmund Duddeley, Esqr; one of the privy Counsell to King Henry the 7th, married Elizabeth, sister and Sole Heir of John Grey, Viscount Lisle; descen'd as Heir of the eldest Dowghter & Coheir of Richard Beauchamp Erle of Warwick, and Elizabeth his Wife, Dowghter and Heir of the Lord Berkley, and Heir of the Lord Lisle and Ties, and had Issue John Duke of Northumberland.

3d. John Duke of Northumberland, Erle of Warwick, Viscount Lisle, and Knight of the Garter, married Jane, Dowghter and Heir of Sir Edward Guildeford, Knight, and Eleanor his Wife, Sister and Coheir to Thomas Lord Lawarre, and had Issue the said Lord Ambrose.

On the South Side of the Tomb, under their peculiar Coats of Arms, finely wrought in Marble, are the following Inscriptions.

1st. The said Lord Ambrose Duddeley, married to his first Wife, Ann Dowghter and Coheir of William Whorwood, Esq; Attorney General to King Henry the Eyghte.

2d. The said Lord Ambrose married to his second Wife Elizabeth, Dowghter of Sir Gilbert Taylboys, Knight, Sister and sole Heir of George Lord Taylboys.

3d.

3d. The said Ambrose, after he was Erle of Warwick, married to his third Wife the Lady Anne eldest Dowghter of Francis, Russel, Earl of Bedford, Knight of the Garter.

The next Monument is the Son's of Robert Duddeley, Earl of Leicester, on the South Side, near the East End of the Chapel, with this Inscription:

Here resteth the Body of the Noble Impe Robert of Dudley, Baron of Denbigh; Sonne of Robert Erle of Leicester; Nephew and Heire unto Ambrose Erle of Warwike Brethern both Sons of the mightie Prince John late Duke of Northumberland; that was Cousin and Heir to Sir John Gray, Viscount Lisle. Cousin and Heir to Sir Thomas Talbot, Viscount Lisle, Nephew and Heir to the Lady Magaret Countess of Shrewsbury, the eldest Daughter and Coheire of the noble Earl of Warwick, Sir Richard Beauchamp, here interred. --- A Child of greate Parentage but of farr greater hope and towardness, taken from this transitory unto the everlasting Life in his tender Age, at Wanstead in Essex, on Sondaye the 19th of July in the yeare of our Lord God 1584. --- beinge the 26th, yeare of the happy Reigne of the most virtuous and godly Princis Queene Elizabethe, and in this Place layed up among his noble Auncestors in assured hope of the generall Resurrection.

Against

Against the North Wall is a Marble Table,
with this Inscription:

To the Memory of the Lady Katharine, late Wife of Sir Richard Levenson of Trentham in the County of Stafford, Knight of the Bath, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir Robert Duddleley Knight, Son to Robert late Earl of Leiceſter, by Alicia his Wife, Daughter to Sir Thomas Leigh, of Stoneley, Knight and Baronet, created Dutcheſs Duddleley by King Charles the Firſt, in regard that her ſaid Huſband leaving this Realm, had the Title of a Duke conferr'd upon him by Ferdinand the 11th Emperor of Germany, which Honourable Lady taking Notice theſe Tombs of her noble Anceſtors being much blemiſh'd by conſuming Time, but more by the rude Hands of Impious People, were in danger of utter Ruin, by the decay of this Chapel, if not timely prevented, did in her life time give fifty Pounds for its ſpeedy Remedy. And by her laſt Will and Teſtament, bearing date 18th of December 1673, bequeath forty Pounds per Annum, iſſuing out of her Manor of Foxley in the County of Northampton, for the perpetual Support and Preſervation of theſe Monuments, in their proper State, the Surpluſage to be for the poor Brethren of her Grandfather's Hoſpital in this Borough; Appointing William Dugdale, of Blythe-Hall, in this County, Eſq; (who repreſented to her the Neceſſity of this good Work) and his Heirs, together with the Mayor of Warwick for the Time being, to be her Truſtees therein.

T A B L E I.

A TABLE, or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Parish, put up 1711.

A House in the Church-Street, heretofore given for the Repairs of this Church, in Consideration of Re-building, &c. after the late dreadful Fire; demis'd by Trustees, to Moses Robinson, at 5*l.* per Annum, for 60 Years, then to be lett at an improved Rent.

A House in the West-Street, in the Possession of Richard Meads, given to the same Use, the Rent 5*l.* per Annum.

1670. The Lady Levison gave 40*l.* per Ann. for repairing and beautifying the Lady's Chapel, charged on the Manor of Foxley, in the County of Northampton, if any Overplus, to the Brethren of the Earl of Leicester's Hospital in this Borough.

1707. The Right Hon. Fulke Lord Brooke, gave the Stalls and Altar-piece, in the Chancel.

1709. The Right Hon. Sarah Lady Brooke gave two Silver Flaggons and Chalice, to this Church.

The Right Worshipful Sir Thomas Delves, gave the Branches.

1553. Mr. John Toolie, alias Toles, Citizen and Alderman of London, gave three Houses and some Lands, in the Bridge-End, to the Use of the Poor of this Borough.

1570. Mr. Thomas Oken, amongst many other Charities to be seen inscrib'd on his Monument, gave 100l. towards enlarging the Commons of this Parish, with which St. Michael's Piece was bought.

1570. Mr. Richard Griffin, of this Borough, gave all his Houses and Lands in Myton, & the Bridge-End, to the Use of the poor Inhabitants of this Borough, the Rent to be laid out in Cloth and 10s. yearly for a Sermon in this Church, the Rents now about 17l. per Annum.

1593. Nicholas Iffeler, born in the Province of Westphalia in Germany, Glazier, & a principal Burgefs of this Borough, gave a House in the Jury-Street, and 10s. per Annum issuing out of Meaking's Close, and founded an Hospital on the Back Hills. for four old Maidens, if none such, four old Women.

1624. Mr. John Smith, of Sherburne, Clerk, gave the Rent of Eaves Meadow, in the Manor of Knoll, 5l. 6s. 8d. per Annum, to be distributed weekly to the Poor of St. Mary's, and St. Nicholas Parishes; also a Messuage and Copyhold Lands in Knoll, the Rents to provide ten Gowns for the Poor of St. Mary's yearly, whereof the Herdsman to be one; and also a House in the Smith-Street, half the Rent whereof, at Christmas, is to be for ever paid to the Minister and Church-Wardens of this Parish, to be laid out in Shoes for the Poor.

1655. Sir Thomas Puckering, Bart. founded two Alms-houses, for poor Tradesmen to live & take Apprentices in, one in Wall-dike Lane, the other in Cow-Lane. He also gave four Houses beyond St. Michael's Hospital, in Salsford, for eight poor Women to live in.

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Without the West-Gate is an Alms-house, for eight poor Women, who have 1l. 14s. 4d. payable amongst them Quarterly, - out of Sir Thomas Puckering's Estate.

1645. Mr. Richard Edgworth, of Overston, in the County of Northampton, gave 4l. per Ann. to the Poor of Warwick, and 13s. 4d. yearly for two Sermons, on the 25th of March, & the 29th of September, issuing out of his lands.

1667. The Corporation pay yearly to the Church-wardens 3l. 7s. 2d. with which Linen is bought, and given, by the Vicar and them, to the Poor, against Easter; being the Interest of 55l. given for that Use by Mrs. Turvile.

A Countess of Devonshire gave 50s. per Ann. to be distributed on Ash-Wednesday to the Poor, by the Mayor and Aldermen, payable by the Corporation.

JOSEPH BATTESSON, &	}	Church-Wardens 1711
WILLIAM HORNE,		

TABLE II.

A TABLE, or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Parish, put up 1712.

MR. Richard Vennor, Citizen and Barber Chyrurgeon of London, gave 30s. per Annum, to issue out of his Lands in Wellefbourn, 10s. of which is to be given to the Poor, 10s. for a Sermon, 6s. 8d. for a Collation, 3s. 4d. for the Ringers, on the 5th of November yearly. 1660.

1660. Mr. Thomas Aylworth, of Wellesbourne, gave 200l. to purchase Lands, Annuity, or Rent-Charge, for one Dozen of Bread, weekly to the Poor of Castle-Street Ward, and three Gowns, two for Men and one for a Woman yearly.

Mr. John and Mrs. Joan Stanton gave 50l. the Interest of it to be disposed of in Gowns, to the Poor of West-Street Ward.

Mr. Lea, a Baker, gave a House near Joice Pool, towards the Relief of poor Prisoners in the County Goal.

Fifty Pounds given to the Poor of the Salisford Ward, now reduced to 19l. in the Wardsmens Hands of that Ward.

Mr. Daniel Price, of the Priory, Warwick, gave an House and Garden in the Castle Street, of the Value of 5l. 10s. per Annum, the Rent to be distributed yearly to the Poor of this Borough.

Mr. John Yardley gave an House in Salisford for four poor Women of this Parish to live in,

Given to the Poor of the Salisford 16s. yearly issuing and payable out of Ward's Close.

Mr. George Weale gave 2l. 10s. per Annum, charged on an House in the High-Street, to be yearly distributed to the two Parishes alternatively in Bread, which House being burnt down in the late Fire, 1694, and the burnt Ground sold for 15l. that Sum is in the Church-wardens Hands of the two Parishes, and the Interest thereof apply'd to the same Use.

1701. The Right Hon. Eliz. Lady Guilford, Daughter of the Right Hon. Fulk Ld. Brooke, gave 100l. for the Teaching & Cloathing poor Children of this Borough, for the Payment of

the Interest of which the Corporation hath given Real Security.

1704. The Hon. John Smith, Esq; now Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Scotland, gave 100l. for the putting out yearly a poor Boy of this Borough Apprentice with the Interest thereof, for which, at 5 per Cent. the Corporation hath given Security.

Mr. Robert Heath, Alderman, gave by his Will 5l. per Annum, charged on his Lands in Southam, for the putting out yearly an Apprentice, to be approved of by the Mayor and Aldermen.

1702. Mr. John Hadley, Alderman, gave 100l. with which a Close in Henley in Arden was purchased, the Rent to put yearly a poor Boy of this Borough Apprentice; as also a Reversion of an House in Cow-Lane, the Rent whereof to be apply'd for the same Use.

1710. Mr. Richard Grimes, Alderman, gave the yearly Sum of 50s. to this Parish, 10s. to be distributed in Bread on the Feast of St. Michael, and 40s. for 3 Cloth Coats, to be given on the same Feast.

1695. The Corporation after the Fire gave two Barns, Rent 3l. per Annum, and laid out 120l. converting them into Tenements for 28 poor People to live in.

Sir Thomas White gave 40s. per Annum, to be distributed by the Mayor and Aldermen at Christmas, to four poor Tradesmen, payable by Coventry.

JOB LEA, and
TIMOTHY NORBURY, } Church-wardens 1712

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A TABLE, or an Account of Pious & Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church & Parish, put up 1720.

1551. **S** I R Thomas White, Alderman of London left 1400l. with which Lands were purchased of 70l. per Annum, 40l. of which was to circulate to Coventry, Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, & Warwick. in free Loan for nine Years, to four young Tradesmen. The said 70l. per Annum being now near 1000l. the House of Lords. by their Decree, appointing the several Charities to encrease with the Rents, Warwick in it's Course 1719. instead of 40l. received 457l. to be lent in fifty Pounds, on good Security to Young Tradesmen.

1586. Robert Earl of Leicester, by the Grant of the Guild of the Holy Trinity & St. George, made to him by the Bailiff and Burgesies, founded his Hospital, consisting of a Master & twelve Brethren, the Vacancies of the Brethren to be supply'd by Warwick, Kenilworth, Stratford-upon-Avon, Wooten Subedge, and Erlingham, alternately, and endowed it with 200l. per Ann. now Improved.

Thomas Fisher, Esq; gave a House & Close in the Smith-Street for the Repairs of the great Bridge.

Mrs. Margaret Porter gave a House in the Jury-Street for the Repairs of the great Bridge.

1639. Mr. William Viner gave 6l. per Ann. to the Master of the King's School, charged on his Lands in Eathrop.

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1701. Queen Anne, of pious and glorious Memory by the seasonable Application of the Right Hon. William Bromley, Esq; gave towards the rebuilding of this Church One Thousand Pounds.

1713. Mr. Joseph Blisset. late Alderman by his Will left 150l. to purchase Lands and out of the Rents thereof eight Three-penny Loaves to be distributed to eight poor House-keepers every Lord's Day.

1714. Robert Abbott, of London, Painter, a Native of this Borough, gave the Queen's Arms.

1718. Mr. Richard Ruffel gave the Watch and Pulpit Cloth, and Cushion.

1719. The Hon. Mrs. Sarah Grevile, Daughter of the Right Hon. Fulke Lord Brooke, by her Will gave 1500l. with which an Estate is purchased at Herberry, and the third Part of the Rents of it is to be employed for the cloathing & teaching of poor Children of this Parish.

MATTHEW BUSBY, and } Church-wardens 1720.
GEORGE WHADCOCK }

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A TABLE, or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Parish, put up 1749.

MRS. Turvile left forty Shillings per Anl. to be paid out of her Estate at Byfield, in the County of Northampton (now purchased by Mr. Thomas Prestwyche) to be disposed of at St. Thomas, by the Trustees; in buying

buying 24 Yards of Woollen Cloth, at 18d. per Yard, to be given to two poor Men & six poor Women, of the Parish of St. Mary, & to two poor Men & two poor Women of the Parish of St. Nicholas, in this Borough. The Men to have three Yards each to make the Coats and the Women to have one Yard and half each, to make them Waistcoats, the Remainder to be given in Bread to 12 poor Prisoners.

1722. George Webb, of this Borough, Mercer, gave a Meadow in the Parish of St. Nicholas, called Dean's-Pool Meadow, the annual Rent whereof to be applied as follows, viz. The four first Years, to put out a poor Boy, of this Parish, Apprentice each Year; and one Month after each Boy is out of his Apprenticeship, if he can produce a Certificate of his good Behaviour, under his Master's Hand, and can read well in his Bible, and say his Catechism, to pay 5l. or 6l. or 7l. towards setting him up in his Trade. And to St. Nicholas Parish the like for two Years after, and then to the Parish of Maxstock, in this County, for one Year in the like Manner, and so to continue for ever; and 20s. also to be spent on the 25th day of March yearly, upon settling the Accompts.

1723. Matthew Busby, of the Borough of Warwick, Gent. gave an House in Swan-lane, the annual Rent whereof, to be applied as follows, viz. 1s. a Week in Bread for the Poor of this Parish, and the Residue to put out a poor Boy of this Parish Apprentice, yearly, upon the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle.

1729. Fulke Weale, by his last Will, charges all his real Estate with the Payment of 40s. on the 21st Day of December, yearly & every Year

Year for ever, to cloath two poor Boys of this Parish, yearly, with Coat, Waistcoat and Breeches, and to pay for the Schooling. He likewise left the Remainder of his personal Estate, to be laid out in Land; the Rents whereof, are for ever to be apply'd towards the Maintenance of two Exhibitioners at Oxford, for the Space of seven Years: which two young Men are to be Natives of the Town of Warwick (and, in Default of such, any others) that are bred up in the Free-School at Warwick, till they arrive at the Age of seventeen Years.

1730. Mr. Nicholas Rothwell, Alderman of this Borough, gave by Will a Close in Frier Lane, of the Yearly Value of 6l. to be disposed of in Bread and Beef at Christmas, to the Poor of the Parish of St. Mary.

1732. Mrs. Anne Johnston, late of this Borough, Widow, and Relict of William Johnston, Dr. of Physick, gave two Messuages in the Parish of St. Nicholas, in this Borough, and all her Personal Estate (with which was purchased a Farm at Hogbrooke, in the Parish of Tachbrooke, in this County) for the relieving poor ancient, & other needy Persons of this Borough, being of the Communion of the Church of England; & for putting out poor Children Apprentice, and assisting such Apprentices, towards setting them up in their respective Trades, or for such or so many of these Purposes, as her Trustees should think fit. (See her Monument page 14.)

JOHN GARLAND, and }
WILLIAM TATNALL, } Church-wardens.

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TABLE V.

A TABLE, or an Account of Pious and Charitable Benefactors and Gifts, to this Church and Parish, put up 1757.

1727 **S**IR Thomas Delves, of Doddington, in the County of Chester, Bart. left by his Will the Sum of 1000l. with which an Estate has been purchased, call'd the Baxters Leazures, of the yearly Rent of 42l. which is equally divided between the two Parishes of St. Mary, and St. Nicholas, in the Borough of Warwick, by the Vicar, Church-wardens, and Overseers of each Parish to be disposed of in putting out and cloathing Apprentices, and relieving poor ancient and needy Persons, not receiving Alms from their said Parish; and the Vicar, Church-wardens, and Overseers, are on Easter Tuesday, every Year, to give an Account to the Inhabitants, who are then present at the passing the Parish Accounts, of the Names of the Persons who have, for the preceding Year, received the said Charity.

1729. Jane Tomkys, Widow, by her Will, dated the fifth of July, gives to her Executor, the Rev. Mr. Thomas Norton, after Payment of her Debts, Legacies, and Funeral Charges, all the rest of her personal Estate, amounting to the Sum of 240l. to be by him disposed of to and for such good and charitable Uses, within the Borough of Warwick, as he in his Discretion should think fit and convenient. For the Farther Disposition, of which said Charity, the said Mr. Thomas Norton appointed Trustees.

1741. Henry Archer, Esq; Member of Parliament for this Borough, gave the Pulpit Cloth and Cushion.

1757. He gave the Communion Table Cloth and Cushions.

1741. King Henry the Eighth by his Letters Patent, bearing Date the 15th of May in the 37th Year of his Reign, granted to the Inhabitants of this Borough, the Rectory of St. Mary's, and St. Nicholas in this Borough, and the Rectories of Chaddeſley, in the County of Worcester, & Budbrook, in this County, and the advowſons of theſe Vicarages, and a Houſe in Cannon Row, in this Borough, and divers Meſſuages, Tythes, and Hereditaments to the ſaid Rectories belonging, then valued at 58l. 13s. 4d. per Annum, and now encreaſed to 634l. 17s. 7d. per Annum, which grant by a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, bearing Date the 20th of May 1737, and by ſeveral ſubſequent Orders of that Court, obtain'd at a great Charge and Expence by the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Archer, and Henry Archer, Esq; then Representatives in Parliament for this Borough, was eſtabliſhed and confirmed to the Inhabitants of this Borough for ever; and the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Eſtates, were thereby directed, to be apply'd in paying certain annual Stipends to the Vicar of St. Mary's, St. Nicholas and Budbrook, and to the Aſſiſtant of the Vicar of St. Mary's, and to the School Maſter and Uſher of the Free-School, and to the Clerk and Sexton of St. Mary's, and to the Mayor of this Borough, for the Time being, and in Repairing the Church and Chancel of St. Mary, and the

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great Bridge over the River Avon, and in binding out poor Children born or bred in this Town, to be Apprentices and in relieving the poor and aged People of this Town.

Bread gave to the Poor of St. Mary's Parish every Sunday at Church.

King Henry's Charity,	26	Sixpenny	Loaves.
and	1	Three-penny	Ditto.
Dr. Johnston's ———	6	Two-penny	Ditto.
Mr. Bliffett's ———	8	Three-penny	Ditto.
Mr. Aylsworth's ———	12	One-penny	Ditto.
Mr. Smith's ———	12	One-penny	Ditto.
Mr. Busby's ———	12	One-penny	Ditto.



A Particular DETAIL of the Grand Solemnity, with which the Earl of Leicester celebrated the French Order of St. Michael, at Warwick, in the Year 1571.

FRIDAY the 28th of September, being Michaelmas Eve; it was signified that the Earl of Leicester (then at Mr. Thomas Fisher's House call'd the Priory) would goe to the Church (the next Day) and there keep the Order of France, viz. St. MICHAEL: of which Order, or Company he was one. And for that Cause the Bailiff and Burgeses were desired to accompany him both to and from Church: whither his Lordship mynded to go by nyne of the Clock or soon after.

Whereupon the said Bailie and Burgeses came to the Priory, where they were placed in this Manner: First the Commoners in Gowns were ordered to goo foremost, two and two together: Then next after the Commoners four Constables to goo on a Rank, with little white Sticks in their Hands: Next after them the twelve principal Burgeses two and two in Order the youngest going foremost. After the principal Burgeses, followed such of my Lord's Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Shire, as that Day waited upon him: After these Gentlemen came the Serjeant bearing the Mace; next after the Serjeant, followed the Bailie alone in a Gowne of Scarlet: After him came Mr. William George, that Day Steward to my Lord, and Mr. Thomas Dudley Comptroller to my Lord, and Mr. Robert Christmas Treasurer to my Lord, all with white Staves as Officers, all in one Rank: Next after followed Dragon, Pursuivant at Armes, and Clarenieux, King at Armes:

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Then came my said Lord, the EARL OF LEICESTER, by himself, apparell'd all in WHITE: — His Shoes of Velvet: His Stockings, or Hose, of knit Silk: — His upper Stockings of white Velvet lyned with Cloth of Silver: — His Doublet of Silver; His Jerkin white Velvet drawn with Silver beautified with Gold and precious Stones. — His Girdle and Scabard white Velvet. — His Roobe white Satten embrodered with Gold a Foot broad very curiously: — His Cap black Velvet with a white Feather: — His Collar of Gold beset with precious Stones, and his Garter about his Leg of St. George's Order. — A Sight worthy the BEHOLDING. And yett surely all this costly and curious Apparel was not more to be praised, than the comely GESTURE of the same EARL; whose Stature, being reasonably tall, was furnished with all PROPORTION and LYNEAMENTS of his Body, and Parts answerable in all things: So as in the Eyes of this Writer he seemed the only GOODLIEST PERSONAGE MALE in England: Which Peradventure might be affected, but surely to all the Beholders it was a Sight most commendable.

Now after the said Earl of Leicester followed, as Companions, the Earl of Hertford, the Lord Berkley, the Lord Dudley, the Lord Chandois, the Lord Deputy or president, and many other Knights and Gentlemen, all on Foot, from the Priory to the Church of St. Mary, where were prepared by the Heralds Places in the Choir.

First, a Cloth of Estate of very rich Hangings on the right Side of the Choir at the entering, where the Vicar's Place is. On the other Side
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in the third Stall towards the Vestry, a Place for the Earl himself to sit in. Over which Places, that is to say, under the Cloth of Estate, was set up the Armes of the FRENCH KING. And over the Places where my Lord sat was fastened my Lord's Arms environed with the Garter, and without the Garter a Wreath of Gold, after the French Order, in Manner of Knotts tying Shallops Shells. So far of the Choir as hath Seats was hanged on both Sides with rich Cloth or Leather of Gold, very faire; all the rest of the Chancell was hanged with Arras and Tapistry, and round about were Fourmes set for the Noblemen, Gentlemen and others to sit upon to hear the Sermon. On the Stall before My Lord lay a rich Clothe with a faire and costly Cushion. On the Communion Table was laid another faire Clothe of Arras: Before the Table was laid a Turkye Carpett whereon My Lord kneeled, when he offered; which Carpet was spread by two Gentlemen, whereof one was his Gentleman Usher. The Pulpit was sett at the nether End of the Earl of Warwick's Tumbe in the said Choir. The Tables was placed where the Altar had been.

At the coming into the Choir My Lord made a lowe Courtesie to the French King's Armes, being under the Cloth of Estate, and so was brought by the Herraualds to his own Place, where he sat and heard the Sermon. After the Sermon was ended a Minister went to the Communion Table, and standing at the North Side thereof he said the Service of the Communion untill he came to the Exhortations of Alms and Relief of the Poor: Then the said Minister went to the Middle of the Table

Table, and taking in Hand a Bason of Silver there ready, the Children & others of the Church sang a Psalm, whilst the Herrauld Clarenfieux went to My LORD, and making a Courtesie to him, My LORD arose and followed the Herrauld till he came before the Place where the FRENCH KING'S ARMES stood; & there the said Earl made a lowe Courtesie; from thence, both Herraulds going before, My LORD came up to the Communion Table, where the Minister stood with his Bason, and there the said Earl, kneeling down upon a rich Cushion of Tissue, kissed the Bason and offered one Piece of Gold, and then rising, he went down again right against the Place where he before had sat: and there both He and the Herraulds made another lowe Courtesie before his own Arms; and then was brought up again on the other Side of the Choir by the said Herraulds to the Communion Table, and there offered into the Bason another Piece of Gold; which being done the said Herraulds brought him again into his own Place; where sitting down & kneeling he heard the Rest of the Prayers untill they ended.

And so in the same Order as he came to Church He with all the rest returned againe to the Priory; where very solemnly he kept the FEAST with liberal Bounty and great Chear; himself sitting in a Parlour by himself without any Company kept the State, and was served with many Dishes all covered and upon the Knee with a Page.

After Dinner the said Earl remaining in the House with his Robe on untill the Evening, mynded to go again to Even Song, but the Weather being foul and a very greate Rain he could not go forth according to his Intent.



